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Going the Distance: Commuting Patterns in BC

Given the increasing population in British Columbia, the number of people having to commute to work has risen considerably and will likely continue to do so in subsequent years. With organized initiatives, such as Bike to Work Week[1] becoming more popular, and increasing dialogue surrounding issues pertaining to climate change and traffic congestion in cities, it is more important than ever to investigate the commuting patterns of the province's workforce. How are British Columbians getting to work? Have BC's employed adapted their commuting patterns to reflect things like a heightened awareness of environmental impact, air quality or the rising cost of fuel? Information about commuting patterns can impart constructive insights to help businesses:

- identify prospective sources of labour,
- help workers access a wider range of employment prospects,
- support government and community organizations in preparing for labour force adjustments, and
- aid planners in the development of infrastructure, such as sustainable, effective transportation systems.

[1] For more information on Bike To Work Week in communities across the province visit: www.biketowork.ca

How far is far?

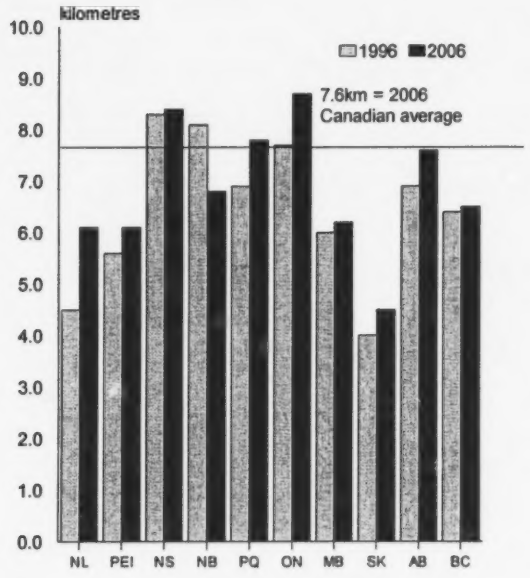
In 2006, workers in British Columbia travelled a median distance of 6.5 kilometres from their homes to their workplace.[2] This was up just slightly from a decade prior, when commuters travelled approximately 6.4 kilometres to get to their jobs.[3]

Despite the increase, British Columbians have somewhat less distance to cover than those in many other regions of the country. Workers in Ontario (8.7 km), Nova Scotia (8.4 km) and Quebec (7.8 km) travelled the longest distances to get to work in 2006. On the other hand, commuters in Nunavut (2.1 km), the Northwest Territories (2.9 km) and the Yukon Territory (3.9 km) travelled the shortest distances.

[2] Census respondents are not asked directly what distance they travel to work. Commuting distance is calculated on a straight line from home to work, not the actual route travelled. For most commuters, the actual distance would be longer. "Median distance" is defined as the point where half the population in a given region travels more than that distance, and the other half travels less.

[3] Individuals who "commute" to work are those with a usual place of work away from their home or no fixed workplace address.

Commuting Distance has Increased in Most Provinces Over the Past Decade



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Cars and more cars

As in the rest of the country, the car is still the most frequently used mode of transportation for getting to work in BC. However, there has been a noteworthy decline in the proportion of commuters in BC using a vehicle to get to work in the past ten years, (from 81% of workers in 1996 to 79% in 2006). The ratio of British Columbians who use a car to get to work is slightly lower than the Canadian average (80%), though the national average also declined slightly over the same period (from 81% in 1996).

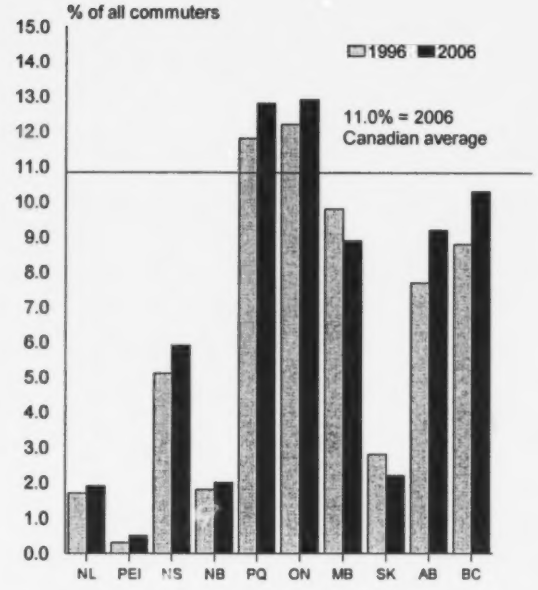
Alternative methods of commuting

Some of the decline in percentage of commuters using a car as their transportation of choice for their work commute may be attributable to increased ridership on public transit systems. In 2006, 10% of BC workers used public transit to get to work, compared to 9% in 1996. This corresponds to a 17.0% increase in ridership for the public transit authorities across the province since 1996.

Carpooling is also apparently becoming a more common commuting option in the province, albeit to a somewhat lesser degree. People riding to work as a passenger in a car represented eight percent of commuters in 2006, compared to seven percent in 1996, an increase of 5.5% over that period. Carpool lanes, increasing gas prices and more environmental awareness are possible factors that influence these types of commuting patterns.

In terms of carpooling and transit use for commuting, BC fares well when compared to other parts of the country. The proportion of BC commuters travelling as passengers in a vehicle in 2006 was on par with the national average (8%) and just slightly lower than that for those using public transit (11%). Across the country, younger commuters are the most likely to use public transit. Indeed, 16.6% of Canadian commuters aged 15 to 24 years travelled by transit in 2006, compared to just 7.2% of those aged 65 and over.

All But Two Provinces Show Increased Public Transit Use



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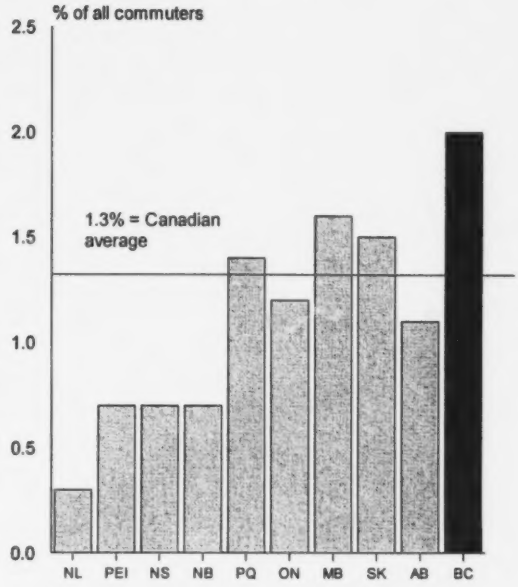
Active Commuting

Employed individuals in the province are also making strides in taking more physically active means of transportation. In May of 2006, nearly seven percent of BC workers were walking to work, higher than the average Canadian commuter (6%). Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan lead the pack, with the highest portion of commuters walking to their place of work in 2006 (each 8%).

BC continues to lead the country in terms of the proportion of workers travelling to work by bicycle. In 2006, two percent of the province's workforce pedalled their way to and from work, by far the highest share among the provinces and well above the national average (1%). However, despite BC's higher percentage of cycling commuters, the ratio has been relatively unchanged over the past decade and the proportion remains quite small. Other than BC, in 2006, biking workers were most common in Manitoba (just under 2%) and Saskatchewan (1.5%), while commuters in parts of Atlantic Canada were the least likely to ride to work.

More BC Commuters Cycle to Work than in Any Other Province, 2006



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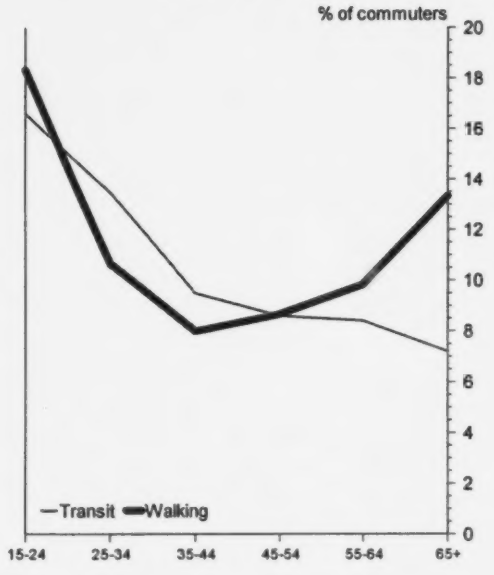
Despite overall low proportions of Canada's workforce riding their bicycles to work, for the country as a whole, bicycling appears to be gaining in popularity among certain commuters. For example, approximately one percent of commuters aged 45 to 54 rode to work in 2006, twice the proportion of the same age group ten years prior (0.5% in 1996). Young workers remained most likely to cycle to work, with 2% of Canadian men and women between 15 and 24 years of age riding their bikes to work in 2006.

Public Transit Use for Commuting Declines with Age, While Walking is Most Common Among Youngest and Oldest Age Groups



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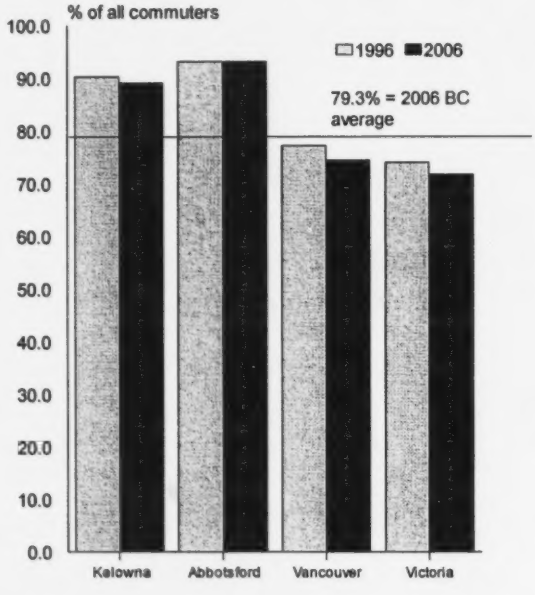
BC's urban commute

Although discussion and information on the use of public transit, private vehicles and other modes of transportation is of substantial interest to many regions of the province and across the country, the main transportation issues usually arise in the larger, most populated areas. Increases in the number of commuters and the fluctuation in their work and commuting habits pose significant challenges for transportation infrastructures in cities. Much of the fiscal pressure of urban development projects in larger cities comes from plans to improve existing transportation modes used by urban commuters. Plans such as new routes, extension of commuter train routes, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, etc., can in turn have a significant impact on the commuting habits of workers in these agglomerations.

In 2006, 69% of workers living in one of Canada's 33 Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) drove their car to work and 7% got to work as a passenger in a car. Among CMAs in BC, Victoria boasted the smallest proportion of its workforce commuting in cars (65%). This was amid the lowest percentages in the country and well below the total for all 33 CMAs (77%). The proportion of workers living in three of BC's four CMAs who got to work by car, whether driving or as a passenger, dropped over the past 10 years. The drop was sharpest in Vancouver, where 74% of workers drove to work in 2006, compared to 77% in 1996, but was also notable in Victoria (74% in 1996 to 72% in 2006) and Kelowna (90% in 1996 and 89% in 2006). In contrast, Abbotsford saw no change over the same decade (93% in 1996 and 2006) and had the highest reliance on the car of any CMA in Canada.

Car Use for Commuting Has Inched Down in Three of the Province's Largest Cities



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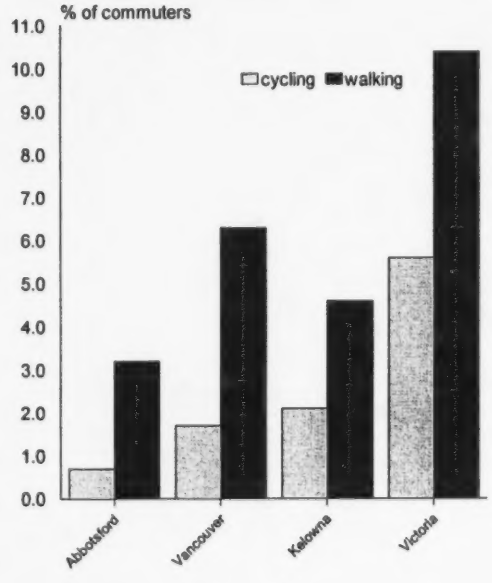
In the rest of the country, Montreal (70%) remained the CMA with the smallest proportion of workers using a car to get to work, followed by Ottawa-Gatineau and the Toronto area (both 71%). In contrast, workers in Abbotsford (93%), Barrie and Windsor (each 91%) were the most likely to get to work by car.

Not surprisingly, given the size and scale of the cities, far more commuters travelled by transit in Vancouver (17% of all commuters in 2006) and Victoria (10%) than in other cities across the province. In general, the largest CMAs have more features that make public transit more appealing to many workers. Among other things, they are much more likely to have a well-established public transit system, which encourages workers to use it to get to their city centres. This reality is confirmed by comparing public transit usage in CMAs with populations of one million or more, such as Toronto (22%) and Montréal (21%), with those of the country's smallest CMAs, like Moncton (3%). However, since 1996, the use of public transit has increased in all four of BC's CMAs. In fact, in the decade between 1996 and 2006, although it remains low, the proportion of workers using public transit to get to work rose significantly in Kelowna (2% to 3%) and Abbotsford (1% to 2%).

In 2006, workers residing in the province's capital city were the most likely of workers in all 33 of Canada's CMAs to walk to work (10%) and to cycle there (6%). Vancouver was above the average for Canada's CMAs (6%) for walking commuters, but both Kelowna and Abbotsford were lower (5% and 3%, respectively). On the other hand, commuters in Vancouver and Kelowna (each 2%) were both well above the national CMA (1%) average for biking to work in 2006.

Commuters in Abbotsford are Least Likely to Cycle or Walk to Work, 2006



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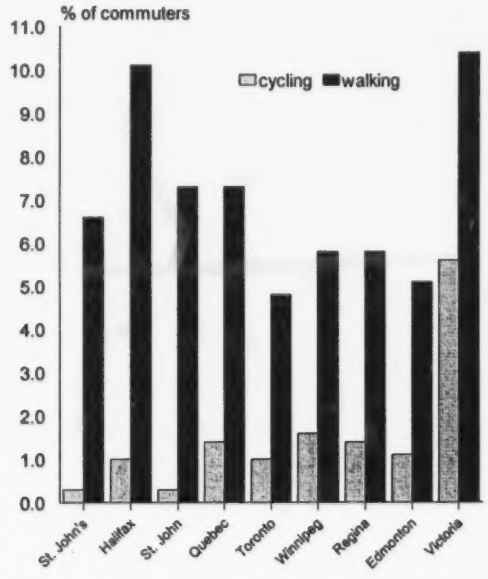
BC's Capital City Leads the Country in Both Walking and Cycling



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Other Canadian CMAs that stood out in terms of relatively high percentages of pedestrians

included Halifax and Kingston (each 10%), while cycling commuters were most prevalent in Kingston, Saskatoon, Peterborough and Guelph (each 2%).

Characteristics of BC's urban commuters

In a time where climate change is in the forefront of many discussions and agendas, attempts are increasingly being made to encourage residents of our province, and specifically of our cities, to use more sustainable transportation options to get to work.[4] Although it is likely that some individuals choose to use such sustainable modes in hopes of doing their part to curb environmental concerns and perhaps ease road congestion on major commuting routes across the province, the decision to use modes of transportation other than cars, such as transit, cycling and walking, can be more (or less) common among certain groups for a myriad of other reasons.

For example, lower income workers without a vehicle, young people, recent immigrants and people who live in the central neighbourhoods of cities in which they work likely do not 'choose' alternate modes of transportation, but use them out of necessity. Similarly, there are other groups who tend to be less inclined to use public transit or to walk or cycle to work.

Indeed, among workers aged 15 to 24 living in Vancouver, the proportion who used a sustainable mode of transportation to get to work in 2006 remained substantially higher (37%) than for older workers (19% for workers aged 45-64).[5] A similar trend is seen in Victoria, where 42% of commuters aged 15-24 used a sustainable method of getting to work, compared to just 14% of those aged 65 and over. However, the capital city has shown signs of increased use of such modes of transport among workers between the ages of 25 and 34 (28% in 2001 and 31% in 2006) as well as among those aged 55 to 64 (17% in 2001 to 19% in 2006). In Kelowna, commuters in just one age group showed an increase in use of sustainable transportation between 2001 and 2006, while all other groups were unchanged, or showed proportional declines. While young workers notably increased their use of alternate modes of transportation (16% in 2001 to 17% in 2006), the overall use of sustainable transportation among workers in Kelowna remained unchanged over the five-year period. The picture is somewhat different among workers in Abbotsford, where comparatively fewer commuters made use of sustainable modes of transportation. Use of alternate ways to get to work declined in every age group between 2001 and 2006, such that overall, commuters in this CMA were less likely to use sustainable transportation in 2006 than they were in 2001. This may in part be due to the greater distance that many of Abbotsford's employed travel to get to their places of work.

Workers in Abbotsford travel a median commuting distance of 7.3 kilometres in 2006, significantly higher than workers in Victoria and Kelowna (4.6 kilometres and 5.6 kilometres, respectively), but slightly lower than the median for Vancouverites (7.4 kilometres). It goes without saying that longer distances make walking or cycling less viable options. Other reasons such as accessibility by transit are also factors, in that some sectors are difficult to reach other than by car.

[4] "Sustainable" commuting methods include transit, walking and cycling.

[5] It is difficult to estimate which age group has shown the most significant increase in use of sustainable transportation in Vancouver between 2001 and 2006, namely because of the transit strike of 2001 that had a major impact on ridership of commuters on public transit.

Also, as in Greater Vancouver's case, the central municipalities are frequently reached by workers by using public transit, walking or cycling, whereas their peripheral municipalities are mainly reached by car.

Recent travel patterns show that workers are commuting in all different directions, rather than in one main direction, as was the trend in past decades. Toronto transit advocate, Steve Munro, speaks to the plight of Toronto and surrounding area in developing the most effective transit system for its commuters. Munro sees the multi-directional commuting patterns of today's cities as one of the biggest challenges for transportation planners: "It's an everywhere-to-everywhere kind of demand pattern, and that's very hard to serve without building quite a large network of transit lines to make everywhere-to-everywhere commuting by transit possible."[6]

Despite such obstacles, it appears that the use of sustainable transportation by workers living a great distance from their place of work rose in all four of BC's CMAs between 2001 and 2006. Most notably, in 2001, 14% of workers in Vancouver who travelled 15 kilometres or more to work used a sustainable mode of transportation and by 2006 this proportion had reached 19%. Similar scenarios were observed in Victoria, Kelowna and Abbotsford, though to a lesser extent.

Nationally, Oshawa had the distinction of having the longest median commuting distance in Canada (11 kilometres) in 2006, while the shortest commute in the country was in Regina, where it was less than 4.6 kilometres.

Looking ahead

Commuting for work has become a commonplace occurrence in modern economies, especially around major urban centres. BC's cities and the province as a whole have shown signs of changing commuting patterns toward more sustainable methods in recent years. However, more steps need to be taken. As is demonstrated by the increased frequency with which transportation programs and initiatives (such as the Central Okanagan Transportation Demand Management Program for Sustainable Transportation and the Active Transportation Infrastructure Program in Saanich, BC) are being proposed and implemented, there are still great strides being made.[7]

[6] See: www.cbc.ca/canada/toronto/story/2008/03/04/car-toronto.html

[7] For more information on these and other initiatives in BC, see Transport Canada's List of Case Studies: www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/utsp/listofcasestudies.htm

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
Period	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA		Unadjusted	
2004	2,221.9	2,062.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	69,383.5	686.74	737,780	960,359.7
2005	2,263.4	2,130.5	5.9	65.6	32.6	74,448.5	704.49	638,940	837,431.4
2006	2,305.1	2,195.5	4.8	65.7	32.5	80,805.2	726.02	532,520	723,659.5
2007	2,366.4	2,266.3	4.2	66.3	32.9	85,891.6	747.84	487,550	694,335.8
Jan-06	2,278.3	2,161.4	5.1	65.4	33.8	6,460.9	720.31	60,760	91,065.1
Feb-06	2,281.7	2,172.4	4.8	65.4	33.2	6,511.9	716.86	56,810	71,505.3
Mar-06	2,287.6	2,182.9	4.6	65.5	31.4	6,524.5	718.33	53,040	65,988.3
Apr-06	2,293.8	2,191.1	4.5	65.6	29.9	6,563.1	720.63	46,590	66,972.8
May-06	2,300.3	2,190.7	4.8	65.7	33.8	6,840.3	721.82	41,660	57,395.5
Jun-06	2,290.8	2,192.8	4.3	65.3	33.9	6,906.7	722.67	37,480	48,621.0
Jul-06	2,309.3	2,199.8	4.7	65.7	31.8	6,833.0	721.25	35,890	54,784.3
Aug-06	2,310.4	2,198.7	4.8	65.7	31.1	6,767.3	728.13	44,060	58,837.1
Sep-06	2,318.4	2,207.9	4.8	65.8	34.0	6,777.4	730.10	32,720	47,500.7
Oct-06	2,326.4	2,219.3	4.6	65.9	30.7	6,772.6	732.68	34,550	50,931.8
Nov-06	2,325.7	2,210.4	5.0	65.8	33.5	6,982.5	739.68	41,110	50,735.4
Dec-06	2,344.7	2,223.8	5.2	66.3	33.4	6,864.9	739.16	47,850	59,322.3
Jan-07	2,352.1	2,251.8	4.3	66.4	33.2	6,943.2	743.37	53,800	85,957.3
Feb-07	2,345.8	2,251.1	4.0	66.1	33.2	6,977.6	743.33	50,290	66,382.3
Mar-07	2,355.1	2,262.7	3.9	66.3	33.0	7,022.4	743.18	45,890	60,486.6
Apr-07	2,353.6	2,247.1	4.5	66.2	34.0	7,055.2	748.06	41,300	65,779.4
May-07	2,362.8	2,261.7	4.3	66.3	33.8	7,119.5	741.59	37,330	52,170.1
Jun-07	2,365.5	2,260.9	4.4	66.3	33.8	7,189.1	740.27	33,430	44,609.7
Jul-07	2,356.9	2,259.0	4.2	66.0	32.0	7,204.9	744.19	38,900	51,487.0
Aug-07	2,361.4	2,267.1	4.0	66.0	31.3	7,145.5	756.53	41,380	54,464.2
Sep-07	2,373.8	2,270.0	4.4	66.2	33.7	7,194.5	754.74	30,240	52,048.2
Oct-07	2,379.4	2,275.5	4.4	66.3	30.7	7,267.5	748.87	32,320	43,968.1
Nov-07	2,399.2	2,298.8	4.2	66.7	32.9	7,363.2	753.78	38,290	48,969.4
Dec-07	2,393.5	2,292.9	4.2	66.4	33.5	7,409.0	755.66	44,380	68,013.6
Jan-08	2,402.9	2,305.2	4.1	66.6	33.0	-	771.68	52,650	76,914.9
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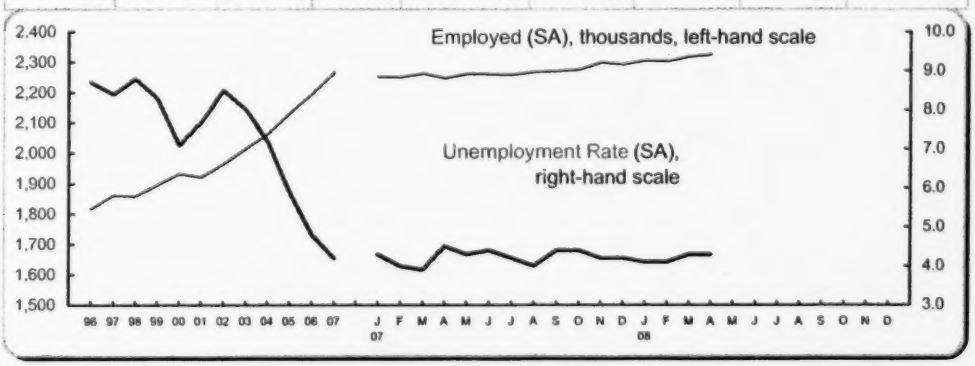
Mar-08	2,422.2	2,317.9	4.3	66.9	32.8	-	761.02	46,630	79,137.2
Apr-08	2,429.4	2,324.3	4.3	67.0	33.3	-	772.40	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,414.3	a 2,312.7	a 4.2	a 66.8	a 33.0	t 85,891.6	a 767.91	a 50,107	t 227.4
% change	2.7	2.6	n/a	n/a	-1.0	6.3	3.1	0.2	6.9
Last 12 months	2,387.5	2,286.4	4.2	66.4	32.8	85,891.6	755.61	40,658	708,920.7
Previous 12	2,327.7	2,221.3	4.6	65.9	33.0	80,805.2	734.45	42,658	707,927.0
% change	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	-0.5	6.3	2.9	-4.7	0.1
% ch. year ago	3.2	3.4	n/a	n/a	-2.1	7.9	3.3	1.6	30.8
% ch prev mnth	0.3	0.3	n/a	n/a	1.5	0.6	1.5	-8.6	10.9



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001
unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2004	436.9	36.9	21.5	2.9	11.1	9.2	144.0	25.6	46.9	12.0	211.2
2005	452.7	38.7	21.6	2.1	13.8	10.3	168.0	26.4	45.8	12.3	198.2
2006	463.9	34.7	21.7	2.7	19.4	8.6	179.3	19.5	44.8	15.1	197.5
2007	495.7	36.2	24.3	2.9	20.0	10.3	23.0	23.0	44.7	15.2	205.1
Jan-06	441.0	34.1	16.1	3.5	17.3	8.6	168.0	15.7	45.6	12.2	191.4
Feb-06	460.3	35.7	18.8	3.5	15.4	8.0	175.0	19.5	46.0	12.8	202.7
Mar-06	463.9	36.6	20.3	2.6	14.9	7.2	177.5	18.7	50.4	12.2	202.0
Apr-06	458.6	36.2	15.8	2.5	16.2	6.6	177.2	22.3	47.7	14.4	199.6
May-06	460.0	35.2	19.6	2.8	18.2	8.1	174.6	21.5	48.6	18.4	201.5
Jun-06	451.4	32.4	24.3	3.8	17.6	8.8	175.7	17.6	41.8	17.8	192.5
Jul-06	467.3	34.5	25.0	2.8	18.0	9.2	184.7	17.1	45.5	15.2	195.8
Aug-06	463.3	33.8	24.7	3.7	20.8	9.0	183.6	17.4	45.7	16.3	191.6
Sep-06	467.1	34.0	23.6	1.8	23.6	8.9	183.9	20.7	40.1	17.8	192.0
Oct-06	470.2	33.2	23.3	2.4	24.4	10.0	183.2	21.3	39.7	14.6	196.6
Nov-06	479.5	35.4	25.8	-	24.4	9.8	182.3	19.7	43.0	15.2	198.8
Dec-06	484.0	35.9	23.3	1.6	21.4	9.3	185.5	22.3	44.1	13.7	205.8
Jan-07	494.7	35.2	23.1	1.7	24.0	7.9	193.7	21.3	35.8	14.3	207.0
Feb-07	485.0	35.5	20.7	-	23.9	9.3	187.0	20.3	37.2	15.9	205.8
Mar-07	491.5	33.6	20.2	1.9	20.0	8.2	191.5	22.4	45.1	16.7	212.7
Apr-07	494.7	32.2	20.3	4.0	18.7	8.7	194.2	25.1	41.0	16.5	211.2
May-07	495.1	35.2	23.7	3.0	18.7	8.2	200.8	25.3	42.9	17.9	205.2
Jun-07	496.8	35.1	27.3	1.8	21.0	9.3	197.7	22.4	49.4	14.5	208.8
Jul-07	487.5	36.0	26.8	2.2	19.8	11.8	188.2	21.6	53.3	16.3	205.2
Aug-07	491.2	34.4	25.0	6.1	19.7	11.4	197.2	22.1	55.4	16.4	201.3
Sep-07	504.5	38.3	24.0	3.5	18.5	10.6	200.7	24.5	54.2	14.4	209.4
Oct-07	498.5	40.7	26.9	3.2	19.7	12.7	194.7	23.0	46.1	12.3	203.4
Nov-07	508.2	39.8	27.3	2.6	16.7	12.5	206.7	23.8	41.3	13.8	201.2
Dec-07	503.5	39.7	26.7	3.1	19.4	13.2	210.0	23.9	34.9	13.7	190.2
Jan-08	509.3	43.2	22.6	3.2	20.2	14.6	209.8	26.3	29.3	19.4	193.9
Feb-08	499.2	38.4	22.0	3.1	19.9	14.4	214.5	24.1	29.1	15.5	185.2
Mar-08	511.5	38.7	22.4	2.5	18.5	15.7	219.4	28.0	34.7	16.5	190.8
Apr-08	498.0	35.7	17.1	1.8	24.9	13.2	217.7	19.2	34.3	14.1	182.3
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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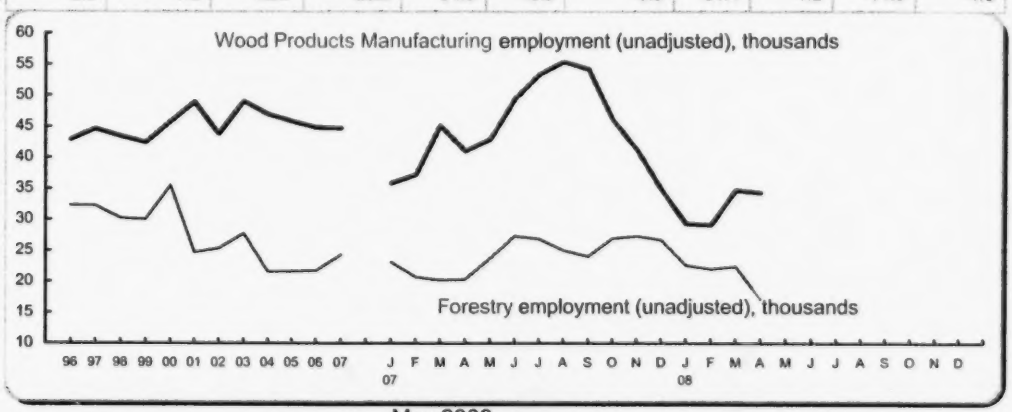
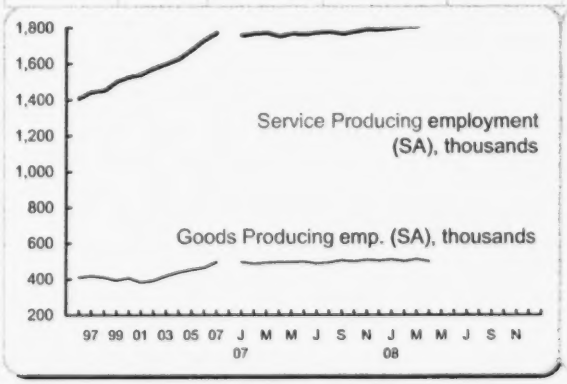
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 504.5	a 39.0	a 21.0	a 2.7	a 20.9	a 14.5	a 215.4	a 24.4	a 31.9	a 16.4	a 188.1
% change	2.7	14.3	-0.2	39.5	-3.6	69.8	12.4	9.5	-19.9	3.3	-10.1
Last 12 months	500.3	37.9	24.3	3.0	19.8	12.3	204.8	23.7	42.1	15.4	198.1
Previous 12	475.7	34.2	22.8	2.2	21.3	8.9	185.0	20.6	42.3	16.0	200.9
% change	5.2	10.8	6.5	36.2	-7.1	37.7	10.7	15.2	-0.5	-4.0	
% ch. year ago	0.7	10.9	-15.8	-55.0	33.2	51.7	12.1	-23.5	-16.3	-14.5	-13.7
% ch prev mnth	-2.6	-7.8	-23.7	-28.0	34.6	-15.9	-0.8	-31.4	-1.2	-14.5	-4.5

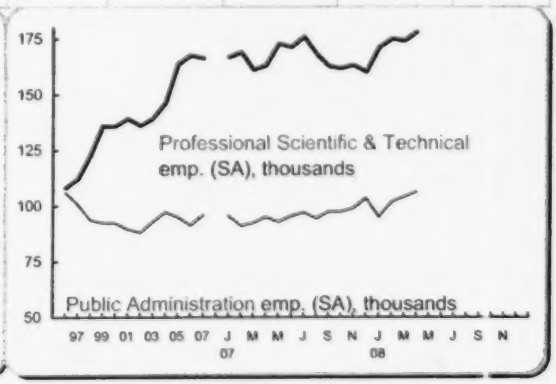


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2004	1,625.8	315.8	116.5	129.2	146.3	135.9	219.2	114.8	175.3	97.2
2005	1,677.8	334.6	118.7	132.9	163.6	146.1	217.4	112.1	175.8	95.1
2006	1,731.6	353.7	119.5	138.0	167.6	156.0	232.2	113.2	170.5	91 3
2007	1,770.6	365.0	125.6	145.0	166.3	156.1	117.8	117.8	172.7	95.9
Jan-06	1,720.4	355.2	124.2	128.0	166.5	154.9	210.6	123.0	176.6	95.9
Feb-06	1,712.0	361.3	126.6	129.4	171.6	150.7	213.2	112.2	173.9	93.6
Mar-06	1,719.0	359.9	123.7	132.7	166.1	152.1	224.3	117.4	162.9	93.8
Apr-06	1,732.5	366.8	123.5	129.5	171.4	152.7	224.1	118.9	168.6	93.4
May-06	1,730.7	361.3	120.5	132.3	168.0	151.4	237.3	115.1	168.9	91.9
Jun-06	1,741.4	368.7	121.0	136.4	161.3	155.4	243.7	115.5	167.2	86.4
Jul-06	1,732.4	342.8	111.6	141.7	162.3	162.0	245.4	114.4	167.7	93.8
Aug-06	1,735.4	344.2	115.8	145.1	174.0	157.2	242.1	108.0	169.1	83.3
Sep-06	1,740.9	349.8	116.7	141.1	170.3	157.3	238.1	110.5	172.0	86.9
Oct-06	1,749.1	344.8	116.2	143.4	170.5	159.1	238.9	112.6	175.2	91.1
Nov-06	1,730.8	346.2	116.0	148.8	164.6	159.3	229.1	106.0	172.2	95.9
Dec-06	1,739.7	345.0	119.6	147.7	164.5	161.9	239.2	105.8	171.6	89.9
Jan-07	1,757.1	355.9	121.3	137.6	166.8	157.4	233.9	114.2	178.6	95.6
Feb-07	1,766.1	359.4	131.0	139.9	168.9	158.8	243.2	116.6	172.3	91.2
Mar-07	1,771.2	357.1	125.0	149.2	161.1	161.8	248.5	122.7	173.0	92.5
Apr-07	1,752.4	352.8	124.4	145.2	163.0	157.6	241.6	121.9	167.6	95.0
May-07	1,766.6	363.5	125.0	149.4	172.7	158.5	234.4	121.8	169.6	92.8
Jun-07	1,764.0	367.5	123.5	148.0	171.3	151.8	242.0	112.6	173.8	95.4
Jul-07	1,771.5	374.8	124.7	150.0	175.9	142.8	239.1	113.0	169.8	97.1
Aug-07	1,776.0	377.0	124.0	149.2	168.2	143.9	235.3	117.6	182.4	94.4
Sep-07	1,765.6	365.1	121.3	143.8	162.7	159.5	236.5	114.7	172.3	97.4
Oct-07	1,777.1	372.7	123.8	142.6	161.8	158.3	243.7	114.4	171.4	97.3
Nov-07	1,790.6	369.5	129.1	142.7	163.2	159.6	241.9	121.4	171.6	98.9
Dec-07	1,789.4	365.7	136.0	141.9	160.1	159.4	235.9	123.7	169.2	103.5
Jan-08	1,795.9	355.9	129.1	145.1	171.2	166.7	246.3	116.9	168.1	95.1
Feb-08	1,804.0	359.9	128.4	147.9	175.0	156.7	240.9	122.4	176.8	101.8
Mar-08	1,806.3	364.4	130.2	134.1	174.1	154.8	240.6	118.0	178.9	104.1
Apr-08	1,826.3	363.8	133.4	142.2	177.9	162.0	233.1	120.0	184.8	106.3
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,808.1	a 361.0	a 130.3	a 142.3	a 174.6	a 160.1	a 240.2	a 119.3	a 177.2	a 101.8
% change	2.6	1.3	3.9	-0.5	5.8	0.7	-0.7	0.4	2.5	8.8
Last 12 months	1,786.1	366.7	127.4	144.7	169.5	156.2	239.1	118.0	174.1	98.7
Previous 12	1,745.6	352.3	119.9	142.4	166.3	158.3	240.1	113.6	171.3	91.1
% change	2.3	4.1	6.2	1.7	1.9	-1.3	-0.4	3.9	1.6	8.3
% ch. year ago	4.2	3.1	7.2	-2.1	9.1	2.8	-3.5	-1.6	10.3	11.9
% ch prev mnth	1.1	-0.2	2.5	6.0	2.2	4.7	-3.1	1.7	3.3	2.1





4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business				Consumer				
		Business	Bankruptcies Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada		Consumer	Retail Sales, All Stores		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Incorpora-tions	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	British Columbia	Vancouver, Metropolitan	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(2002=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
2004	42,364.8	25,428	922	8,378	104.2	47,216.6	22,243.6	181,605	5,907,610
2005	45,447.4	28,593	786	8,173	106.3	49,286.3	22,702.6	186,581	6,192,896
2006	49,328.3	30,667	587	7,021	108.1	52,837.1	24,110.2	194,648	6,587,723
2007	53,547.7	30,841	470	6,650	110.0	56,365.4	25,342.8	201,596	6,825,179
Jan-06	4,136.0	2,477	61	581	106.6	4,248.5	1,682.1	11,414	384,268
Feb-06	4,004.5	2,602	63	655	106.7	4,300.4	1,650.6	12,938	440,268
Mar-06	4,073.4	2,879	65	707	107.2	4,305.0	1,912.9	17,823	599,605
Apr-06	4,010.7	2,407	53	607	107.8	4,353.7	1,917.5	17,464	572,533
May-06	4,072.5	2,862	58	632	108.7	4,414.5	2,135.8	19,071	626,553
Jun-06	3,968.8	2,715	48	646	108.7	4,412.0	2,163.3	19,035	633,950
Jul-06	4,017.0	2,364	37	484	108.8	4,489.1	2,106.6	16,976	558,565
Aug-06	4,316.1	2,518	32	577	109.0	4,486.7	2,101.3	17,871	604,031
Sep-06	4,119.5	2,517	50	583	108.4	4,442.2	2,026.2	16,169	564,105
Oct-06	4,262.8	2,509	42	587	108.3	4,481.7	1,900.9	14,239	495,355
Nov-06	4,073.8	2,454	41	526	108.7	4,412.7	1,967.9	14,309	502,633
Dec-06	4,273.1	2,363	37	437	108.8	4,490.7	2,485.2	17,339	605,857
Jan-07	4,409.4	2,527	50	551	109.0	4,561.3	1,814.4	12,108	420,705
Feb-07	4,454.2	2,520	33	609	109.1	4,593.6	1,767.0	13,650	477,403
Mar-07	4,472.2	2,683	35	636	109.5	4,635.2	2,055.8	18,424	627,915
Apr-07	4,391.1	2,398	42	574	109.9	4,665.0	2,037.5	19,038	621,335
May-07	4,394.1	2,887	42	606	110.5	4,700.2	2,254.9	21,207	698,385
Jun-07	4,554.2	2,821	44	553	110.3	4,709.0	2,231.8	20,505	690,642
Jul-07	4,613.8	2,455	36	526	110.5	4,716.0	2,145.6	17,836	593,052
Aug-07	4,458.6	2,577	34	494	110.4	4,712.6	2,184.5	18,155	592,973
Sep-07	4,441.8	2,407	35	505	110.5	4,724.5	2,093.2	16,002	531,333
Oct-07	4,467.2	2,736	35	537	110.0	4,730.7	2,079.6	14,089	489,777
Nov-07	4,538.2	2,466	46	580	110.1	4,786.0	2,103.4	14,182	491,078
Dec-07	4,349.0	2,364	38	480	110.1	4,826.4	2,575.0	16,400	590,581
Jan-08	4,336.3	2,492	-	506	109.9	4,800.2	1,925.7	13,091	445,812
Feb-08	4,354.1	2,502	-	603	110.3	4,753.1	1,876.3	13,621	452,693
Mar-08	4,240.6	2,478	-	538	110.8	4,847.8	2,046.6	17,447	563,407
Apr-08	-	2,733	-	-	111.8	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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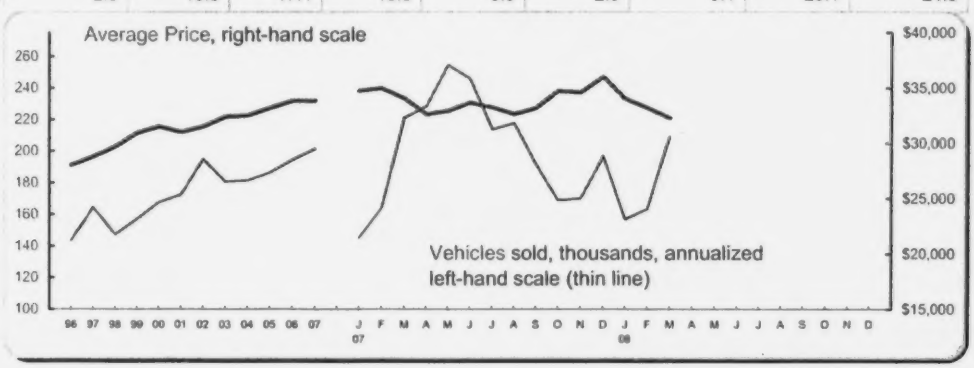
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 12,931.0	t 10,205	t 470	t 1,647	a 110.7	t 14,401.1	t 5,848.6	t 44,159	t 1,461,912
% change	-3.0	0.8	-19.9	-8.3	1.2	4.4	3.8	-0.1	-4.2
Last 12 months	53,139.0	30,918	470	6,502	110.4	56,971.6	25,554.2	201,573	6,761,068
Previous 12	50,450.1	30,430	587	6,875	108.9	53,773.4	24,501.9	196,655	6,689,605
% change	5.3	1.6	-19.9	-5.4	1.4	5.9	4.3	2.5	1.1
% ch. year ago	-5.2	14.0	2.7	-15.4	1.7	4.6	-0.4	-5.3	-10.3
% ch prev mnth	-2.6	10.3	-17.4	-10.8	0.9	2.0	9.1	28.1	24.5



5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

Period	BC Origin Exports to: Total All Countries	BC Origin Exports to: United States	BC Origin Exports to: Japan	Imports through BC ports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff): Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
	Unadjusted										
2004	31,007.8	20,137.4	3,805.1	32,885.0	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
2005	34,167.3	22,101.5	4,163.8	35,295.9	430.78	741.26	2.02	538.18	8.86	0.75	68.28
2006	33,468.2	20,518.7	4,706.8	38,891.4	336.67	764.05	3.46	685.14	13.12	1.69	74.94
2007	31,542.3	19,092.3	4,102.0	38,687.9	267.93	849.67	3.46	745.21	14.35	1.59	76.86
Jan-06	2,746.0	1,866.8	322.1	2,912.8	414.31	695.53	2.49	636.35	10.59	1.10	75.81
Feb-06	2,608.0	1,622.7	317.4	2,797.7	397.52	704.27	2.59	637.63	10.95	1.15	70.81
Mar-06	3,055.1	1,875.6	413.3	3,364.1	381.94	724.53	2.74	644.78	12.01	1.30	72.80
Apr-06	2,714.1	1,759.5	391.7	3,317.1	380.88	730.87	3.32	698.45	14.43	1.60	79.71
May-06	2,875.5	1,804.6	409.9	3,533.1	356.14	723.37	4.06	749.32	14.92	1.80	78.71
Jun-06	3,080.5	1,724.4	599.2	3,211.0	331.93	744.05	3.66	664.04	12.03	1.63	79.04
Jul-06	2,775.4	1,746.0	339.3	3,183.4	327.48	783.69	3.96	715.64	12.68	1.71	84.03
Aug-06	2,857.3	1,749.6	469.7	3,637.4	301.93	789.49	3.91	707.40	13.62	1.70	81.69
Sep-06	2,754.1	1,651.7	363.7	3,289.4	304.72	792.48	3.86	667.68	13.04	1.72	71.29
Oct-06	2,737.9	1,597.7	369.8	3,611.0	271.99	811.46	3.85	661.11	13.05	1.96	66.45
Nov-06	2,453.8	1,492.4	319.9	3,132.5	279.50	827.15	3.62	713.34	14.69	2.26	67.46
Dec-06	2,810.5	1,627.7	390.7	2,902.0	291.71	841.69	3.49	725.89	15.40	2.31	71.52
Jan-07	2,609.9	1,658.1	329.4	3,066.3	310.45	867.84	3.03	742.21	15.10	2.02	64.17
Feb-07	2,463.9	1,524.1	318.6	2,849.7	298.52	882.68	3.03	778.20	16.28	1.77	69.37
Mar-07	2,940.6	1,807.8	402.3	3,330.3	286.23	886.72	3.42	765.07	15.34	1.73	70.75
Apr-07	2,944.9	1,768.5	426.9	3,193.1	271.09	871.10	3.99	770.82	15.57	1.83	72.56
May-07	2,869.9	1,684.6	435.0	3,083.7	266.06	849.64	3.83	731.24	14.40	1.91	69.48
Jun-07	2,739.5	1,628.6	364.5	3,259.6	303.57	836.16	3.63	698.20	13.94	1.74	71.88
Jul-07	2,656.7	1,682.0	316.0	3,345.9	284.64	839.22	3.80	698.79	13.55	1.69	77.91
Aug-07	2,724.1	1,674.8	300.2	3,624.5	276.20	846.58	3.60	704.15	13.01	1.56	76.60
Sep-07	2,436.6	1,488.3	269.9	3,186.0	244.03	831.56	3.57	730.41	13.18	1 34	81.96
Oct-07	2,451.3	1,473.1	314.6	3,623.4	215.53	808.47	3.55	735.82	13.33	1.32	84.06
Nov-07	2,370.8	1,353.3	309.8	3,211.6	230.17	812.38	3.06	779.74	14.16	1.11	91.51
Dec-07	2,334.1	1,349.1	314.7	2,913.8	228.72	863.71	3.02	807.86	14.39	1.07	92.02
Jan-08	2,220.5	1,348.6	230.8	2,966.8	206.27	884.74	3.25	899.50	16.20	1.07	93.98
Feb-08	2,420.7	1,416.7	324.6	3,092.3	202.81	879.20	3.60	921.91	17.63	1.11	95.26
Mar-08	2,252.9	1,440.3	197.1	3,337.4	198.40	881.78	3.84	970.39	19.33	1.14	105.77
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	214.94	900.33	4.00	922.33	17.70	1.04	114.13
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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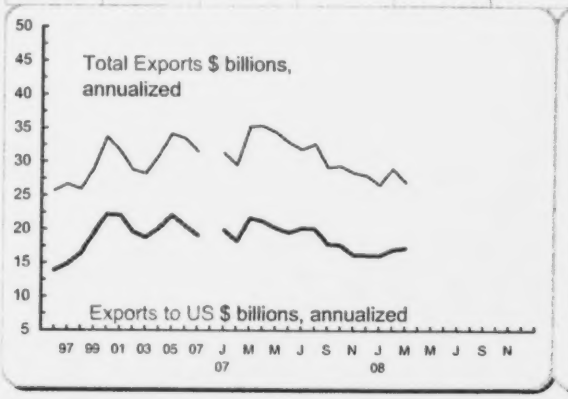
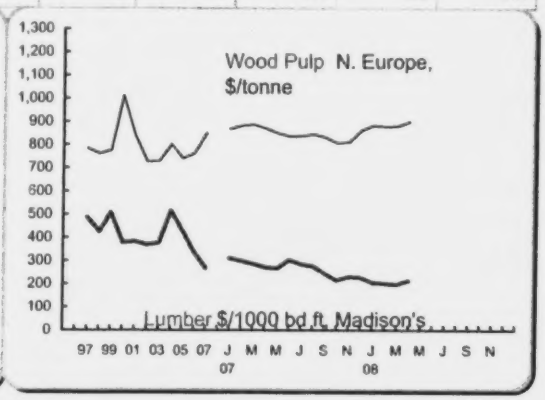
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 6,894.2	t 4,205.6	t 752.4	t 9,396.5	a 205.61	a 886.51	a 3.67	a 928.53	a 17.72	a 1.09	a 102.29
% change	-14.0	-15.7	-28.4	1.6	-29.5	1.1	9.1	21.5	13.8	-40.7	47.8
Last 12 months	30,422.0	18,307.8	3,804.1	38,838.1	239.28	852.81	3.56	800.03	15.07	1.34	87.88
Previous 12	33,073.5	20,143.7	4,704.3	39,063.1	302.64	818.48	3.66	721.73	14.31	1.87	73.09
% change	-8.0	-9.1	-19.1	-0.6	-20.9	4.2	-2.6	10.8	5.3	-28.3	
% ch. year ago	-23.4	-20.3	-51.0	0.2	-20.7	3.4	0.3	19.7	13.7	-43.2	57.3
% ch prev mnth	-6.9	1.7	-39.3	7.9	8.3	2.1	4.2	-5.0	-8.4	-8.8	7.9

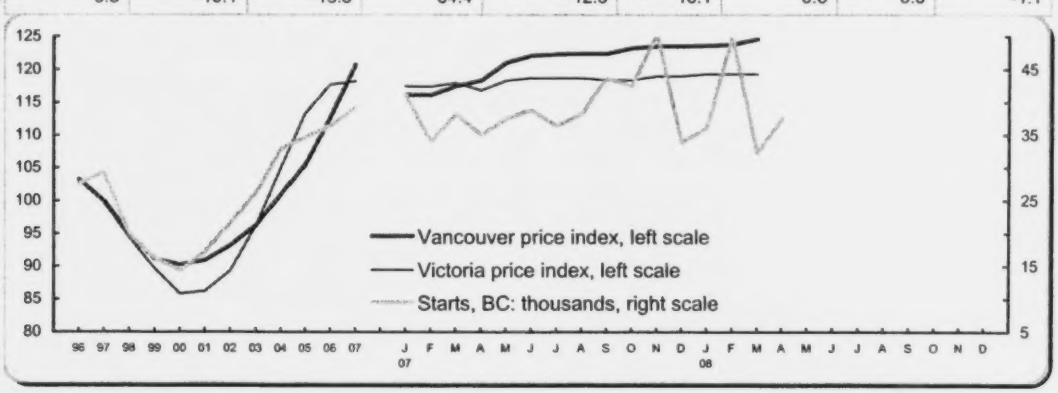




6 Construction and Housing

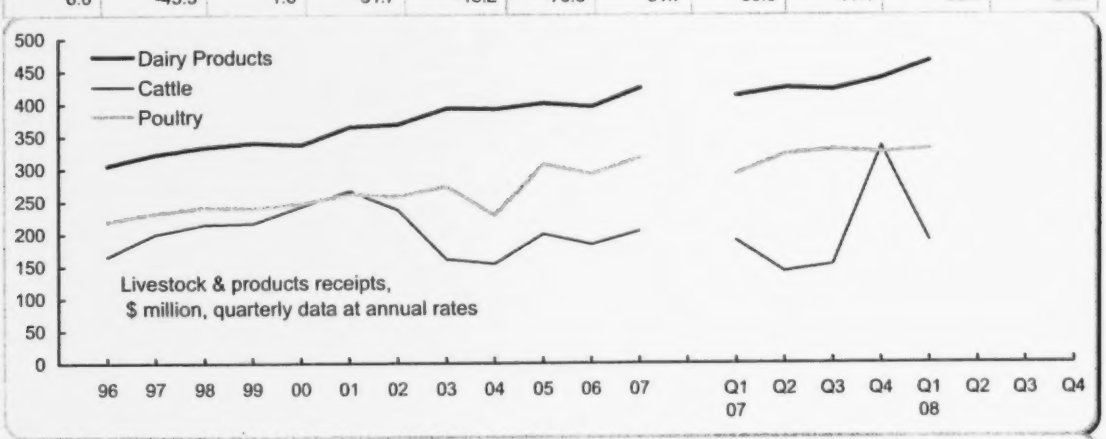
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

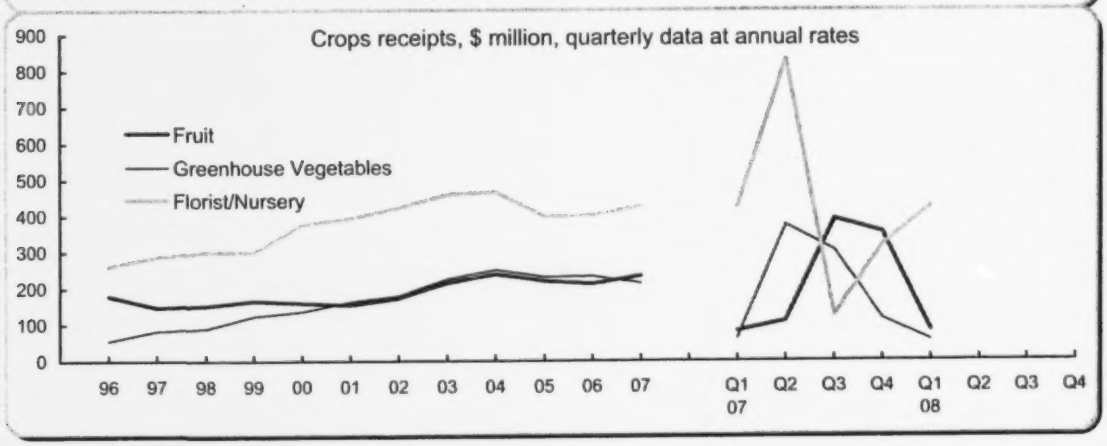
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)					Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average Sale Price
	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver,	Victoria	
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
2005	10,182,924	6,970,787	346,203	1,886,405	979,529	34.7	105.4	113.3	332,137
2006	11,541,532	7,620,696	358,843	2,493,684	1,068,309	36.4	112.7	117.7	390,963
2007	12,544,691	8,611,723	323,893	2,647,905	961,170	39.2	120.7	118.2	438,975
Jan-06	686,213	486,850	14,958	111,609	72,796	34.9	108.6	117.0	356,448
Feb-06	728,641	499,297	28,399	120,049	80,896	42.5	109.5	117.0	367,967
Mar-06	1,122,753	711,680	24,400	209,159	177,514	41.6	109.9	117.8	383,715
Apr-06	803,303	559,862	20,940	173,687	48,814	40.1	110.9	118.2	388,889
May-06	990,568	578,141	25,203	232,715	154,509	29.6	111.2	117.9	398,796
Jun-06	1,039,334	700,442	51,555	214,970	72,367	34.7	111.4	118.1	399,835
Jul-06	951,253	605,659	23,907	246,362	75,325	43.2	112.0	117.4	387,434
Aug-06	1,003,977	675,707	39,180	214,893	74,197	33.6	114.8	118.2	393,334
Sep-06	937,712	685,563	43,272	156,534	52,343	33.1	115.4	118.2	396,426
Oct-06	1,167,670	647,652	22,740	395,782	101,496	37.4	116.0	117.6	410,727
Nov-06	1,292,975	856,247	47,232	283,389	106,107	34.4	116.1	117.6	400,939
Dec-06	817,133	613,596	17,057	134,535	51,945	33.9	116.1	117.1	401,128
Jan-07	1,051,603	717,906	21,902	199,715	112,080	41.1	116.1	117.4	396,132
Feb-07	822,374	500,167	25,410	251,644	45,153	34.0	116.1	117.4	412,848
Mar-07	1,056,337	720,475	22,955	235,027	77,880	38.2	117.4	117.9	429,080
Apr-07	973,643	694,970	23,940	220,337	34,396	35.0	118.3	116.8	431,858
May-07	1,337,665	926,058	18,313	292,370	100,924	37.5	121.0	118.3	449,092
Jun-07	1,311,504	806,482	35,646	345,228	124,148	38.8	122.1	118.7	445,881
Jul-07	1,016,053	737,946	30,311	177,724	70,072	36.4	122.3	118.7	446,481
Aug-07	1,074,830	686,037	40,960	257,304	90,529	38.3	122.4	118.7	439,939
Sep-07	820,470	617,421	24,853	118,621	59,575	43.6	122.4	118.4	443,269
Oct-07	1,129,372	853,436	21,464	190,997	63,475	42.5	123.2	118.4	449,659
Nov-07	900,314	612,654	30,975	157,780	98,905	50.5	123.5	119.0	451,991
Dec-07	1,050,525	738,170	27,164	201,158	84,033	33.9	123.5	119.0	456,804
Jan-08	814,054	652,072	15,524	120,790	25,668	36.1	123.6	119.3	453,098
Feb-08	939,089	746,342	33,109	111,289	48,349	49.9	123.8	119.3	478,172
Mar-08	946,910	670,863	28,547	205,198	42,302	32.3	124.6	119.3	483,291
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	37.5	-	-	478,044
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,700,053	t 2,069,277	t 77,180	t 437,277	t 116,319	a 39.0	a 124.0	a 119.3	a 473,151
% change	-7.9	6.7	9.8	-36.3	-50.5	5.1	6.4	1.5	13.3
Last 12 months	12,314,429	8,742,451	330,806	2,398,796	842,376	39.8	122.6	118.7	456,310
Previous 12	11,934,239	7,861,417	361,353	2,739,253	972,216	35.7	114.5	117.8	404,878
% change	3.2	11.2	-8.5	-12.4	-13.4	11.5	7.1	0.8	12.7
% ch. year ago	-10.4	-6.9	24.4	-12.7	-45.7	7.1	6.1	1.2	10.7
% ch prev mnth	0.8	-10.1	-13.8	84.4	-12.5	16.1	0.6	0.0	-1.1



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2004	391,731	153,473	228,146	240,151	1,013,501	239,330	251,117	465,246	246,311	1,202,004	2,403,057
2005	400,632	199,482	306,837	278,642	1,185,593	220,254	231,225	398,465	249,412	1,099,356	2,405,177
2006	395,346	182,972	291,724	267,534	1,137,576	212,475	232,800	401,656	221,475	1,068,406	2,311,128
2007	424,247	204,093	316,764	229,315	1,174,419	233,569	213,900	425,751	251,005	1,124,225	2,399,191
Q1-06	101,403	39,059	74,385	60,071	274,918	20,795	17,112	100,412	47,741	186,060	491,647
Q2-06	99,642	33,115	74,020	50,859	257,636	30,089	102,485	196,067	34,886	363,527	644,340
Q3-06	95,521	37,770	71,477	62,128	266,896	78,736	81,514	29,160	74,307	263,717	553,184
Q4-06	98,780	73,028	71,842	94,476	338,126	82,855	31,689	76,017	64,541	255,102	621,957
Q1-07	103,048	47,210	72,884	51,029	274,171	20,365	15,391	106,435	48,390	190,581	499,969
Q2-07	106,074	35,290	80,488	43,169	265,021	27,220	93,656	207,972	35,275	364,123	658,707
Q3-07	105,414	37,979	82,183	55,866	281,442	97,508	75,980	31,480	77,526	282,494	577,318
Q4-07	109,711	83,614	81,209	79,251	353,785	88,476	28,873	79,864	89,814	287,027	663,197
Q1-08	116,263	47,259	82,481	54,101	300,104	20,883	13,950	106,665	51,136	192,634	521,739
Q2-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 116,263	t 47,259	t 82,481	t 54,101	t 300,104	t 25,077	t 13,950	t 106,665	t 46,942	t 192,634	t 521,739
% change	12.8	0.1	13.2	6.0	9.5	1.8	-9.4	0.2	6.4	1.1	4.4
Last 4 quarters	437,462	204,142	326,361	232,387	1,200,352	234,087	212,459	425,981	253,751	1,126,278	2,420,961
Previous 4	396,991	191,123	290,223	258,492	1,136,829	212,045	231,079	407,679	222,124	1,072,927	2,319,450
% change	10.2	6.8	12.5	-10.1	5.6	10.4	-8.1	4.5	14.2	5.0	4.4
% ch. year ago	12.8	0.1	13.2	6.0	9.5	2.4	-9.4	0.2	5.8	1.1	4.4
% ch. prev qtr	6.0	-43.5	1.6	-31.7	-15.2	-76.6	-51.7	33.6	-41.4	-32.9	-21.3





8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
2005	83,134	41,012.9	1,852,861	1,068	1,869	2,937	4,932	1,076	1,877	7,887
2006	81,526	41,050.7	1,794,769	1,058	1,941	2,999	4,736	1,059	1,960	7,756
2007	75,557	36,677.3	-	833	1,914	2,747	4,717	846	1,917	7,181
Jan-06	7,933	3,822.7	170,242	93	163	256	427	86	150	664
Feb-06	9,858	3,463.7	145,706	89	149	238	418	89	149	656
Mar-06	10,169	3,783.6	158,070	87	170	257	388	98	182	667
Apr-06	9,551	3,673.2	163,817	89	165	254	391	85	151	627
May-06	2,496	3,357.8	147,854	84	167	251	380	85	175	641
Jun-06	3,391	3,359.7	139,026	95	155	250	428	96	168	692
Jul-06	4,013	3,516.3	145,679	88	164	252	381	80	164	626
Aug-06	5,495	3,311.0	143,224	86	163	249	402	95	169	666
Sep-06	7,425	3,304.6	146,236	85	162	247	421	80	164	664
Oct-06	6,281	3,614.4	167,162	86	168	254	408	81	172	661
Nov-06	6,992	3,178.8	140,903	84	159	243	337	84	158	579
Dec-06	7,922	2,664.9	126,850	92	156	248	355	100	158	613
Jan-07	6,829	3,467.8	X	78	154	232	415	74	161	650
Feb-07	9,954	3,215.9	X	78	157	235	392	71	148	611
Mar-07	10,070	3,438.5	X	90	162	252	365	83	167	615
Apr-07	7,863	3,398.8	X	81	160	241	456	92	159	707
May-07	2,823	3,160.1	X	77	160	237	380	87	162	629
Jun-07	3,359	3,224.5	X	83	152	235	363	82	153	298
Jul-07	4,457	3,290.8	X	89	157	246	422	78	156	657
Aug-07	5,684	2,867.1	X	65	167	232	406	67	157	630
Sep-07	6,256	2,844.5	X	32	149	181	355	45	149	549
Oct-07	6,084	3,035.4	X	46	168	214	414	62	179	655
Nov-07	5,760	2,586.8	X	55	173	228	352	51	166	569
Dec-07	6,418	2,147.1	X	59	155	214	397	54	160	611
Jan-08	5,109	2,744.7	-	51	165	216	351	50	169	570
Feb-08	8,260	2,555.4	-	40	160	200	378	60	155	592
Mar-08	8,370	2,226.3	-	51	158	209	363	40	157	560
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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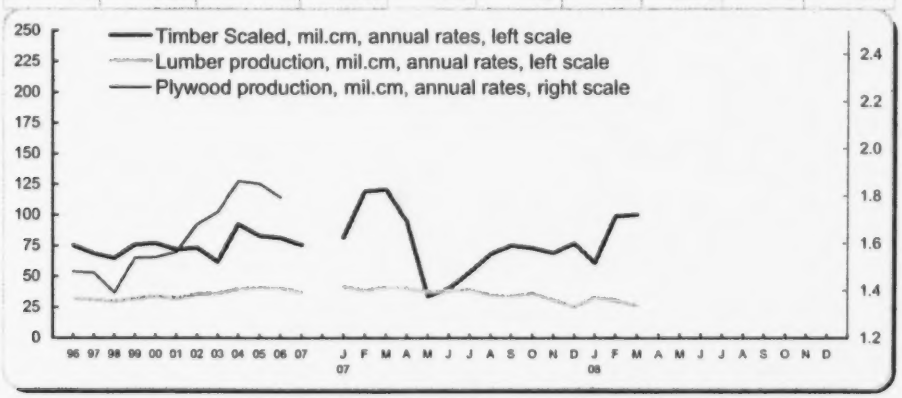
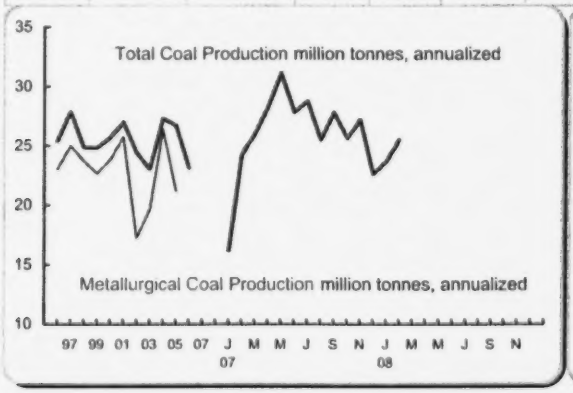
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 21,739	t 7,526	X	t 142	t 483	t 625	t 1,092	t 150	t 481	t 1,722
% change	-19.0	-25.6	X	-42.3	2.1	-13.1	-6.8	-34.2	1.1	-8.2
Last 12 months	70,443	34,082	X	729	1,924	2,653	4,637	768	1,922	7,027
Previous 12	80,419	40,103	1,794,769	1,035	1,932	2,967	4,675	1,014	1,955	7,645
% change	-12.4	-15.0	X	-29.6	-0.4	-10.6	-0.8	-24.3	-1.7	-8.1
% ch. year ago	-16.9	-35.3	X	-43.3	-2.5	-17.1	-0.5	-51.8	-6.0	-8.9
% ch prev mnth	1.3	-12.9	X	27.5	-1.2	4.5	-4.0	-33.3	1.3	-5.4

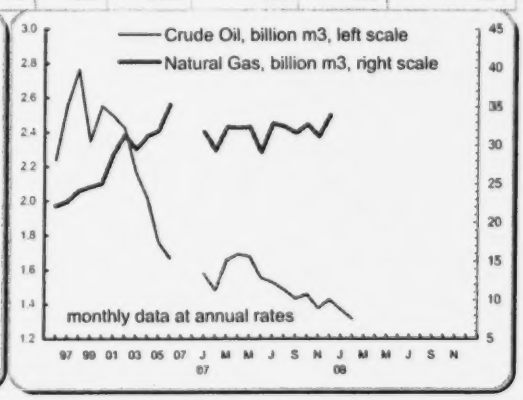


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2004	874.3	26,369.1	27,313.0	244.1	2.6	45.0	9.9	20.4	616.8	31,201.3	2,019.0	60,495,613
2005	643.0	21,223.4	26,718.0	289.4	3.7	49.2	7.7	16.7	451.0	31,892.8	1,765.7	67,811,173
2006	-	-	23,161.0	287.6	2.6	32.9	7.1	15.6	354.5	35,291.7	1,670.6	62,021,396
2007	-	-	25,940.0	255.0	2.6	30.4	12.3	12.3	255.8	31,815.5	1,529.2	72,211,656
Jan-06	-	-	2,002.0	21.4	0.3	4.6	0.7	0.9	25.6	2,910.1	140.6	5,521,862
Feb-06	-	-	1,806.0	20.1	-	-	0.7	1.4	45.1	2,654.9	129.4	5,159,023
Mar-06	-	-	2,033.0	25.4	0.4	6.0	0.7	1.7	32.8	2,914.8	138.2	5,314,787
Apr-06	-	-	1,816.0	23.1	-	-	0.6	1.2	22.4	2,938.5	140.0	4,635,925
May-06	-	-	1,818.0	23.3	0.6	5.1	0.6	1.4	37.2	3,218.9	151.9	4,630,200
Jun-06	-	-	1,966.0	24.3	0.1	2.8	0.6	1.4	28.1	3,014.3	141.2	4,645,240
Jul-06	-	-	2,109.0	25.8	0.4	3.0	0.6	1.2	26.9	2,618.0	140.9	5,627,631
Aug-06	-	-	1,723.0	24.3	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.1	22.0	3,086.3	146.2	5,051,712
Sep-06	-	-	1,809.0	24.3	0.2	5.0	0.5	1.6	38.8	2,932.0	137.7	4,318,313
Oct-06	-	-	2,143.0	24.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.4	22.4	3,038.1	134.8	4,890,371
Nov-06	-	-	2,104.0	23.4	0.2	4.6	0.5	1.3	20.6	2,807.0	130.6	5,782,157
Dec-06	-	-	1,832.0	27.8	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.3	33.6	3,158.8	139.1	6,444,175
Jan-07	-	-	1,352.0	22.1	0.4	4.7	0.7	0.9	17.3	2,648.4	131.3	6,521,268
Feb-07	-	-	2,022.0	21.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	1.1	29.3	2,447.2	123.5	6,008,106
Mar-07	-	-	2,168.0	23.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	20.3	2,695.1	138.0	5,831,800
Apr-07	-	-	2,357.0	23.4	0.2	4.3	0.5	1.1	32.9	2,689.9	141.1	5,457,585
May-07	-	-	2,593.0	23.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	1.1	28.6	2,695.1	139.9	5,572,544
Jun-07	-	-	2,320.0	21.4	0.6	6.1	0.5	1.2	13.4	2,424.6	129.7	5,399,418
Jul-07	-	-	2,396.0	18.8	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	13.3	2,737.2	127.4	6,422,034
Aug-07	-	-	2,125.0	20.6	0.2	3.9	0.5	1.1	21.3	2,702.9	123.9	6,357,503
Sep-07	-	-	2,318.0	19.9	0.1	3.6	0.6	1.2	20.8	2,634.1	119.4	5,123,138
Oct-07	-	-	2,137.0	20.1	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.9	19.2	2,723.8	121.5	6,073,323
Nov-07	-	-	2,265.0	19.4	0.5	4.7	0.6	0.9	22.8	2,593.6	114.7	6,224,308
Dec-07	-	-	1,887.0	20.2	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	16.5	2,823.6	118.8	7,220,629
Jan-08	-	-	1,974.0	14.6	0.4	4.4	0.6	0.7	14.5	-	114.1	6,862,668
Feb-08	-	-	2,126.0	14.7	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.7	10.0	-	109.6	5,964,491
Mar-08	-	-	-	18.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	16.4	-	-	-
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 643.0	t 21,223.4	t 4,100.0	t 47.3	t 0.7	t 5.1	t 1.7	t 2.3	t 40.9	t 31,815.5	t 223.7	t 12,827,159
% change	-14.1	-3.8	21.5	-29.7	-4.1	-5.6	-8.7	-31.3	-38.9	-9.8	-12.2	2.4
Last 12 months	768.5	25,523.1	26,666.0	234.1	2.5	30.3	6.6	11.2	229.7	31,815.5	1,498.1	72,509,441
Previous 12	847.3	24,768.4	22,727.0	287.8	2.6	27.6	6.9	15.0	318.9	35,291.7	1,655.4	63,869,885
% change	-9.3	3.0	17.3	-18.7	-3.5	9.8	-3.6	-25.4	-28.0	-9.8		13.5
% ch. year ago	-3.7	-6.9	5.1	-23.1	0.0	0.0	-13.8	-32.0	-19.2	-10.6	-11.3	-0.7
% ch prev mnth	41.5	8.2	7.7	22.4	619.4	33.3	-1.8	19.2	64.0	8.9	-3.9	-13.1

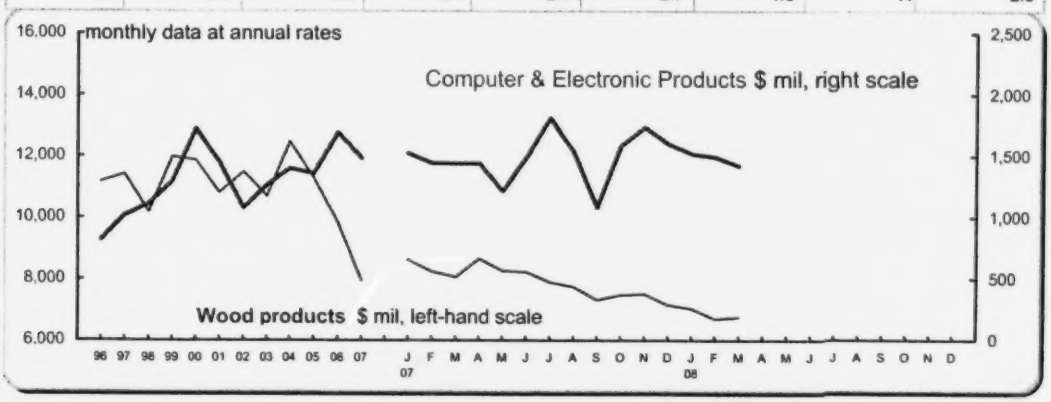




10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

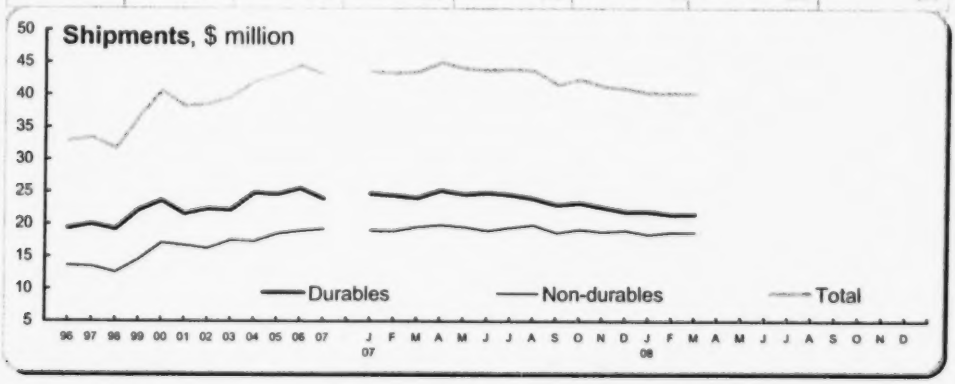
Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
2004	42,146,915	24,814,013	12,471,028	1,435,826	2,021,630	2,021,064	1,398,369	-	1,279,415
2005	43,212,491	24,651,348	11,301,032	1,609,105	2,370,191	2,242,900	1,356,307	-	1,297,293
2006	44,552,522	25,542,330	9,834,598	1,943,540	2,487,441	2,397,138	1,691,276	-	1,505,348
2007	43,203,957	23,948,369	7,946,004	2,015,020	2,690,479	2,353,753	1,482,677	-	1,526,956
Jan-06	3,894,388	2,290,338	979,449	162,471	237,881	209,134	153,821	X	120,574
Feb-06	3,735,844	2,155,156	887,865	158,118	213,887	214,130	134,498	X	120,532
Mar-06	3,772,275	2,189,574	904,728	157,205	226,047	199,410	149,408	X	124,298
Apr-06	3,640,012	2,132,422	879,318	160,173	182,044	219,947	117,332	X	130,641
May-06	3,691,390	2,118,202	829,012	165,165	191,101	204,729	155,780	X	116,210
Jun-06	3,723,760	2,116,772	808,968	167,136	185,909	201,719	175,053	X	121,761
Jul-06	3,633,915	2,097,138	781,616	169,075	205,703	192,481	138,910	X	124,764
Aug-06	3,720,180	2,099,117	774,926	163,703	204,721	183,103	141,688	X	132,653
Sep-06	3,706,654	2,104,936	773,006	161,622	205,228	194,492	144,340	X	130,854
Oct-06	3,718,776	2,101,197	745,101	166,494	218,506	192,968	141,323	X	127,178
Nov-06	3,577,761	2,028,785	729,449	141,994	202,545	193,340	110,441	X	126,671
Dec-06	3,737,549	2,108,682	741,159	170,384	213,867	191,684	128,682	X	129,205
Jan-07	3,638,683	2,057,270	718,378	170,765	209,893	202,177	126,949	X	138,288
Feb-07	3,618,302	2,037,407	686,606	177,326	219,221	199,702	120,262	X	129,326
Mar-07	3,638,388	2,007,109	671,924	176,131	228,296	203,437	120,144	X	132,736
Apr-07	3,757,607	2,102,124	721,933	172,237	248,185	202,369	120,136	X	124,690
May-07	3,684,360	2,052,698	688,687	168,704	250,763	209,219	101,492	X	122,058
Jun-07	3,657,461	2,073,277	685,429	162,073	236,628	205,983	124,145	X	130,726
Jul-07	3,671,332	2,047,026	657,830	159,604	232,977	204,325	151,033	X	129,349
Aug-07	3,656,156	2,000,285	645,019	163,596	229,595	196,506	127,964	X	123,109
Sep-07	3,474,503	1,918,263	609,963	165,505	212,331	177,786	90,327	X	129,030
Oct-07	3,537,086	1,940,650	623,312	165,294	217,065	192,184	132,104	X	121,306
Nov-07	3,453,225	1,883,858	625,940	174,708	215,201	183,339	144,838	X	122,809
Dec-07	3,419,348	1,831,318	596,158	158,484	198,160	177,890	133,596	X	119,180
Jan-08	3,365,934	1,830,411	586,317	147,365	211,231	184,249	126,655	X	112,793
Feb-08	3,359,734	1,794,050	558,414	154,384	204,848	170,559	124,587	X	114,282
Mar-08	3,358,626	1,796,353	562,761	157,567	199,317	175,135	118,619	X	111,415
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 10,084,294	t 5,420,814	t 1,707,492	t 459,316	t 615,396	t 529,943	t 369,861	X	t 338,490
% change	-7.4	-11.2	-17.8	-12.4	-6.4	-12.5	0.7	X	-15.5
Last 12 months	42,395,372	23,270,313	7,561,763	1,949,521	2,656,301	2,279,544	1,495,496	X	1,460,747
Previous 12	44,045,370	25,009,037	9,139,463	1,989,968	2,467,034	2,379,779	1,620,904	X	1,540,287
% change	-3.7	-7.0	-17.3	-2.0	7.7	-4.2	-7.7	X	-5.2
% ch. year ago	-7.7	-10.5	-16.2	-10.5	-12.7	-13.9	-1.3	X	-16.1
% ch prev mnth	0.0	0.1	0.8	2.1	-2.7	2.7	-4.8	X	-2.5



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

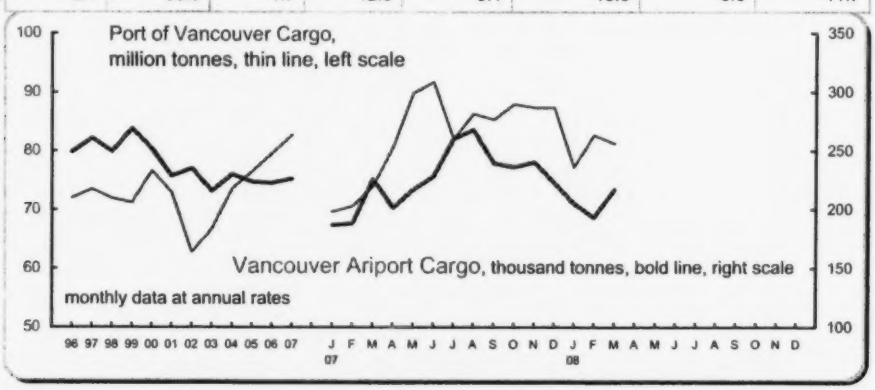
Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
2004	17,332,901	4,910,341	1,103,520	5,834,639	889,678	-	1,439,642	1,228,029
2005	18,561,142	5,325,412	1,197,455	5,613,640	1,010,705	-	1,571,751	1,348,646
2006	19,010,189	5,845,894	1,196,450	5,668,446	965,785	-	1,417,066	1,444,350
2007	19,255,588	5,756,909	1,160,003	5,962,245	910,878	-	1,363,396	1,365,023
Jan-06	1,604,050	473,840	102,044	438,384	90,003	X	149,386	122,031
Feb-06	1,580,688	469,783	102,573	455,242	88,120	X	135,310	117,397
Mar-06	1,582,701	473,957	100,102	491,345	86,117	X	120,819	120,216
Apr-06	1,507,590	474,403	96,610	418,573	84,831	X	120,677	122,045
May-06	1,573,188	477,555	99,654	480,254	91,957	X	115,410	120,404
Jun-06	1,606,988	485,037	98,798	499,219	81,207	X	111,652	119,065
Jul-06	1,536,777	493,302	103,804	438,054	78,372	X	111,531	118,502
Aug-06	1,621,063	480,109	101,947	517,073	78,204	X	113,365	125,046
Sep-06	1,601,718	505,838	97,901	481,872	74,321	X	112,349	123,374
Oct-06	1,617,579	506,991	100,177	488,755	73,785	X	110,721	121,654
Nov-06	1,548,976	496,145	98,728	463,993	68,014	X	107,766	115,824
Dec-06	1,628,867	508,934	94,112	495,682	70,853	X	108,079	118,792
Jan-07	1,581,413	467,173	99,249	503,945	73,816	X	114,236	114,743
Feb-07	1,580,895	469,373	96,448	504,975	76,766	X	111,028	117,337
Mar-07	1,631,279	458,881	91,213	515,407	75,127	X	115,288	115,246
Apr-07	1,655,483	472,717	100,528	530,127	83,189	X	114,775	119,084
May-07	1,631,662	470,353	94,276	521,342	72,820	X	113,470	125,752
Jun-07	1,584,184	466,927	95,298	491,569	76,469	X	108,041	122,331
Jul-07	1,624,306	478,601	95,551	509,192	79,179	X	110,942	115,126
Aug-07	1,655,871	497,678	96,145	522,543	82,236	X	108,773	117,401
Sep-07	1,556,240	488,171	97,436	447,595	73,392	X	106,461	110,124
Oct-07	1,596,436	491,695	100,205	480,547	73,644	X	122,844	106,387
Nov-07	1,569,367	489,178	100,625	462,558	71,435	X	118,030	106,676
Dec-07	1,588,030	503,691	91,950	472,445	74,837	X	123,105	93,773
Jan-08	1,535,523	480,142	98,386	438,483	73,716	X	134,098	101,182
Feb-08	1,565,684	478,101	88,613	499,326	71,577	X	119,852	97,206
Mar-08	1,562,273	469,447	97,307	484,297	70,186	X	125,597	97,293
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,663,480	t 1,427,690	t 284,306	t 1,422,106	t 215,479	X	t 379,547	t 295,681
% change	-2.7	2.3	-0.9	-6.7	-4.5	X	11.5	-14.9
Last 12 months	19,125,059	5,786,701	1,156,320	5,860,024	902,680	X	1,405,988	1,312,335
Previous 12	19,036,333	5,823,741	1,178,641	5,807,802	927,253	X	1,352,102	1,432,032
% change	0.5	-0.6	-1.9	0.9	-2.7	X	4.0	-8.4
% ch. year ago	-4.2	2.3	6.7	-6.0	-6.6	X	8.9	-15.6
% ch prev mnth	-0.2	-1.8	9.8	-3.0	-1.9	X	4.8	0.1



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2004	70,289	3,283	73,574	229,913	7,986	11,185	3,797	2,572
2005	72,909	3,573	76,480	223,678	8,348	11,088	3,794	2,620
2006	75,733	3,787	79,521	222,729	8,712	11,118	3,810	2,583
2007	78,495	4,316	82,710	226,233	9,017	10,844	3,860	2,712
Jan-06	5,083	360	5,443	16,514	624	591	222	107
Feb-06	5,931	259	6,190	15,825	616	578	219	107
Mar-06	6,237	267	6,503	18,711	706	781	284	162
Apr-06	6,042	299	6,341	17,546	650	869	309	207
May-06	6,182	350	6,532	18,005	744	944	319	238
Jun-06	6,844	310	7,154	18,859	778	1,007	342	251
Jul-06	6,049	420	6,469	20,163	882	1,431	440	375
Aug-06	6,490	355	6,846	21,433	926	1,563	485	405
Sep-06	6,970	337	7,308	18,777	753	1,027	356	278
Oct-06	7,201	318	7,519	18,890	715	873	311	221
Nov-06	6,044	214	6,258	19,444	616	650	240	107
Dec-06	6,660	298	6,958	18,562	704	804	283	127
Jan-07	5,440	363	5,803	15,569	652	588	223	99
Feb-07	5,591	290	5,881	15,691	624	590	227	116
Mar-07	5,810	346	6,156	18,800	715	799	291	180
Apr-07	6,371	345	6,716	16,801	698	858	277	214
May-07	7,189	393	7,482	18,098	763	969	333	247
Jun-07	7,266	376	7,642	19,015	790	1,038	354	266
Jul-07	6,454	384	6,838	21,673	878	1,426	448	385
Aug-07	6,812	379	7,191	22,322	945	1,575	491	436
Sep-07	6,757	355	7,112	19,953	787	1,051	368	279
Oct-07	6,931	399	7,329	19,689	757	842	305	209
Nov-07	6,927	353	7,280	20,035	675	691	261	138
Dec-07	6,947	333	7,280	18,587	732	417	282	145
Jan-08	6,010	337	6,437	17,113	711	578	221	106
Feb-08	6,610	279	6,889	16,104	710	611	234	86
Mar-08	6,404	364	6,769	18,120	775	861	304	194
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	749	284	172
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 19,024	t 980	t 20,095	t 51,337	t 2,196	t 2,799	t 1,043	t 558
% change	13.0	-1.9	12.6	2.6	10.3	-1.3	2.5	-8.4
Last 12 months	80,678	4,297	84,965	227,510	9,221	10,808	3,885	2,661
Previous 12	75,323	3,900	79,225	221,739	8,758	11,134	3,794	2,609
% change	7.1	10.2	7.2	2.6	5.3	-2.9	2.4	2.0
% ch. year ago	10.2	5.2	10.0	-3.6	8.3	-12.7	2.5	-19.6
% ch prev mnth	-3.1	30.5	-1.7	12.5	9.1	-13.0	-6.6	-11.7

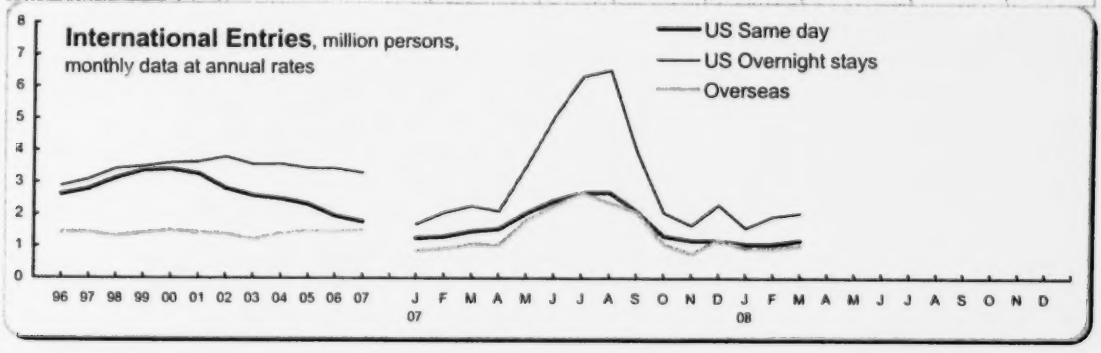


13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC Stats.

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2004	2,477,569	3,561,526	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.3	105,581	249,553	1,590,957	3,965	3,775
2005	2,314,469	3,436,486	5,750,955	1,473,833	7,224,788	63.9	69,539	201,250	1,688,343	4,106	3,965
2006	1,944,560	3,435,243	5,379,803	1,466,148	6,845,951	65.7	-	-	1,815,311	4,252	3,959
2007	1,766,852	3,295,132	5,061,984	1,514,842	6,576,826	66.9	-	-	1,966,282	4,361	4,117
Jan-06	127,859	142,673	270,532	70,231	340,763	48.5	-	-	143,800	308	302
Feb-06	119,286	167,892	287,178	70,310	357,488	58.7	-	-	140,822	303	257
Mar-06	136,143	191,110	327,253	83,001	410,254	64.8	-	-	144,016	353	307
Apr-06	142,975	198,141	341,116	92,424	433,540	63.1	-	-	147,170	317	301
May-06	175,788	288,661	464,449	145,865	610,314	71.3	-	-	153,084	346	323
Jun-06	214,726	420,400	635,126	180,342	815,468	75.9	-	-	155,094	386	369
Jul-06	239,676	578,616	818,292	214,860	1,033,152	80.1	-	-	154,226	473	428
Aug-06	230,598	552,662	783,260	192,688	975,948	81.9	-	-	150,777	477	439
Sep-06	190,350	361,695	552,045	164,381	716,426	76.0	-	-	153,699	363	366
Oct-06	135,441	176,542	311,983	92,799	404,782	64.2	-	-	156,974	297	312
Nov-06	108,013	144,965	252,978	63,441	316,419	54.8	-	-	159,163	279	255
Dec-06	123,705	211,886	335,591	95,806	431,397	48.9	-	-	156,489	352	302
Jan-07	104,451	140,370	244,821	72,476	317,297	50.6	-	-	162,681	344	305
Feb-07	108,332	171,121	279,453	77,576	357,029	60.4	-	-	158,232	308	275
Mar-07	122,661	188,022	310,683	89,056	399,739	66.4	-	-	162,895	374	325
Apr-07	128,439	174,366	302,805	86,819	389,624	64.7	-	-	162,647	326	297
May-07	170,490	293,394	463,884	151,933	615,817	72.4	-	-	162,023	353	330
Jun-07	202,566	422,098	624,664	188,776	813,440	76.7	-	-	164,158	398	374
Jul-07	223,240	527,212	750,452	223,537	973,989	79.6	-	-	160,946	464	445
Aug-07	224,297	543,941	768,238	197,376	965,614	83.2	-	-	162,853	485	458
Sep-07	175,709	332,421	508,130	172,091	680,221	77.3	-	-	164,110	365	381
Oct-07	110,775	171,981	282,756	89,706	372,462	66.2	-	-	167,460	297	318
Nov-07	98,228	138,434	236,662	64,615	301,277	56.1	-	-	168,415	295	277
Dec-07	97,664	191,772	289,436	100,881	390,317	49.3	-	-	169,862	352	333
Jan-08	89,515	131,581	221,096	78,298	299,394	51.4	-	-	171,398	352	358
Feb-08	89,844	162,373	252,217	79,385	331,602	62.1	-	-	-	345	307
Mar-08	99,301	170,437	269,738	85,890	355,628	63.5	-	-	-	394	359
Apr-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 497,233	t 245,818	t 743,051	t 243,573	t 986,624	a 59.0	t 69,539	t 201,250	t 171,398	t 1,090	t 1,024
% change	-12.8	-7.1	-11.0	1.9	-8.1	-0.2	-6.4	-1.1	5.4	6.2	13.1
Last 12 months	1,710,068	3,260,010	4,970,078	1,519,307	6,489,385	66.9	100,836	247,216	1,974,999	4,425	4,236
Previous 12	1,896,716	3,433,081	5,329,797	1,481,714	6,811,511	66.1	113,184	243,145	1,834,195	4,315	3,999
% change	-9.8	-5.0	-6.7	2.5	-4.7	1.1	-10.9	1.7	7.7	2.6	
% ch. year ago	-15.7	-10.3	-13.2	-3.6	-11.0	-4.4	104.2	44.9	5.4	5.1	10.7
% ch prev mnth	-2.5	19.0	6.9	8.2	7.2	2.3	690.7	671.3	0.9	14.2	17.2



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	CERI - C$ Effective Exch. Rate
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	94.12
2005	10,529.1	10,162.3	2.92	4.42	5.99	5.06	3.25	1.2114	100.97
2006	11,472.1	12,081.5	4.31	5.81	6.66	6.28	4.98	1.1343	107.88
2007	13,198.0	13,700.0	4.60	6.10	7.07	6.90	5.02	1.0740	113.13
Jan-06	10,864.9	11,945.6	3.75	5.25	6.30	5.80	4.26	1.1573	106.05
Feb-06	10,993.4	11,688.3	3.75	5.25	6.45	5.85	4.49	1.1489	107.11
Mar-06	11,109.3	12,110.6	4.00	5.50	6.45	6.05	4.70	1.1574	106.32
Apr-06	11,367.1	12,204.2	4.25	5.75	6.75	6.25	4.74	1.1438	107.38
May-06	11,168.3	11,744.5	4.50	6.00	6.75	6.25	5.01	1.1095	109.85
Jun-06	11,150.2	11,612.9	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.00	1.1138	109.84
Jul-06	11,185.7	11,831.0	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.24	1.1292	108.31
Aug-06	11,381.2	12,073.8	4.50	6.00	6.85	6.40	5.25	1.1183	109.05
Sep-06	11,679.1	11,761.3	4.50	6.00	6.70	6.40	5.27	1.1162	109.51
Oct-06	12,080.7	12,344.6	4.50	6.00	6.80	6.40	5.24	1.1286	108.39
Nov-06	12,221.9	12,752.4	4.50	6.00	6.55	6.40	5.26	1.1362	107.33
Dec-06	12,463.2	12,908.4	4.50	6.00	6.45	6.30	5.24	1.1530	105.36
Jan-07	12,621.7	13,034.1	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.27	1.1759	103.69
Feb-07	12,268.6	13,045.0	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.28	1.1707	104.06
Mar-07	12,354.3	13,165.5	4.50	6.00	6.49	6.40	5.26	1.1682	104.06
Apr-07	13,062.9	13,416.7	4.50	6.00	6.64	6.60	5.23	1.1343	106.88
May-07	13,627.6	14,056.8	4.50	6.00	7.14	6.85	5.28	1.0949	110.85
Jun-07	13,408.6	13,906.6	4.50	6.00	7.24	7.05	5.25	1.0652	114.05
Jul-07	13,212.0	13,868.6	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.26	1.0503	115.19
Aug-07	13,357.7	13,660.5	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.11	1.0582	114.36
Sep-07	13,895.6	14,098.9	4.75	6.25	7.19	7.05	4.78	1.0254	117.51
Oct-07	13,930.0	14,625.0	4.75	6.25	7.44	7.25	4.78	0.9752	123.33
Nov-07	13,371.7	13,689.1	4.75	6.25	7.39	7.20	4.53	0.9671	123.93
Dec-07	13,264.8	13,833.1	4.50	6.00	7.54	7.35	4.25	1.0031	119.67
Jan-08	12,650.4	13,155.1	4.25	5.75	7.39	7.35	3.50	1.0111	118.30
Feb-08	12,266.4	13,582.7	4.25	5.75	7.29	7.25	2.97	0.9991	119.44
Mar-08	12,262.9	13,350.1	3.75	5.25	7.19	7.15	2.18	1.0020	117.90
Apr-08	12,820.1	13,937.0	3.25	4.75	6.99	6.95	2.28	1.0139	116.50
May-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 12,500.0	a 13,506.2	a 3.88	a 5.38	a 7.22	a 7.18	a 2.73	a 1.0065	a 118.04
% change	-0.6	2.6	-13.9	-10.4	9.2	10.4	-48.1	-13.4	12.8
Last 12 months	13,172.3	13,813.6	4.40	5.90	7.27	7.13	4.18	1.0221	117.59
Previous 12	11,969.8	12,474.2	4.50	6.00	6.70	6.45	5.21	1.1378	107.19
% change	10.0	10.7	-2.3	-1.7	8.5	10.6	-19.8	-10.2	9.7
% ch. year ago	-1.9	3.9	-27.8	-20.8	5.3	5.3	-56.4	-10.6	9.0
% ch prev mnth	4.5	4.4	-13.3	-9.5	-2.8	-2.8	4.6	1.2	-1.2